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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): AOTA, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/828,837  
Filed: April 10, 2001  
For: EXTRUDED FRAME MEMBER FOR USE IN FRICTION STIR.  
WELDING  
Group: 1772  
Examiner: C. Simone

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14, 15, 16 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer, and  
amend the claims remaining in the application as follows:

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17. (Amended) An extruded frame member according to claim 24, wherein  
said at least one plate of said extruded frame member, said thickened part, and said  
extended part are formed integrally as one body.

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